

We claim:

1. A composition comprising at least one component selected from the group consisting of:
  - (a) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated by alkaline hydrolysis;
  - (b) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated by acid hydrolysis;
  - (c) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated with periodic acid;
  - (d) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated by alkaline hydrolysis and by acid hydrolysis;
  - (e) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated by alkaline hydrolysis and treated with periodic acid;
  - (f) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated with Proteinase K; and
  - (g) delipidated and deglycolipidated *M. vaccae* cells that have been treated by hydrofluoric acid hydrolysis.